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**[Ethics Notice] Miah Michaelsen Conflict of Interest / Arts Midwest, Inc.**

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**To** Anne Penny Valentine <indypenny@yahoo.com>

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Michaelsen, Miah - Disclosure Form.pdf;

Dear Chair Valentine,

As the Indiana Arts Commission's appointing authority, this email serves as a notice of Miah Michaelsen's potential conflict of interest under IC 4-2-6-9. The potential conflict is further discussed in the attached Ethics Disclosure Form.

As a reminder, Ms. Michaelsen previously disclosed her involvement as a Board Member for Arts Midwest to the IAC staff and commissioners in February 2024. She also disclosed this information in her annual Financial Disclosure Statement, which was filed with the Office of the Inspector General in January 2025.

An ethics screen has been established and described in the attached Ethics Disclosure Form and will be filed with the State Ethics Commission.

Respectfully,

André

**André Zhang Sonera, MPA**

*Deputy Director & Chief of Staff*

*Ethics Officer*

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**ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING**  
State Form 55880 (R / 10-15)  
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
IC 4-2-6-9

Reset Form

In accordance with IC 4-2-6-9, you must file your disclosure with the State Ethics Commission no later than seven (7) days after the conduct that gives rise to the conflict. You must also include a copy of the notification provided to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer when filing this disclosure. This disclosure will be posted on the Inspector General's website.

Name (last) Michaelsen	Name (first) Miah	Name (middle) Frazer
Name of office or agency Indiana Arts Commission		Job title Executive Director
Address of office (number and street) 100 N Senate Avenue, N503		City Indianapolis
Office telephone number ( 317 ) 232-1269		ZIP code 46204
Office e-mail address (required) mmichaelsen@iac.in.gov		

Describe the conflict of interest:

Ms. Michaelsen serves on the Board of Directors for Arts Midwest, Inc., a non-profit organization based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Arts Midwest serves as one of six U.S. Regional Arts Organization (RAO) recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Ms. Michaelsen serves in this board in her capacity of Executive Director of a State Art Agency within the RAO's jurisdiction and receives no financial remuneration for her services.

Ms. Michaelsen as Executive Director of the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) has been authorized by the IAC Commissioners to negotiate and sign contracts and other binding documents on behalf of the Commission's Chair.

The IAC would like to pursue a Professional Services Agreement with Arts Midwest in their capacity as the IAC's RAO, for Fiscal Agent Services to help manage future grant programs on behalf of the IAC. As a Fiscal Agent, Arts Midwest will receive an administrative fee for their service.

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Describe the screen established by your ethics officer: (Attach additional pages as needed.)

Ethics Screen for Ms. Michaelson:

- 1) On February 2024, the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) Staff and Commissioners were made aware that Ms. Michaelson joined the Board of Directors of Arts Midwest, as a State Arts Agencies representative.
- 2) Ms. Michaelson disclosed her involvement as an Board Member of Arts Midwest as part of the annual Financial Disclosure Statement with the Office of the Inspector General.
- 3) Although Ms. Michaelson receives no financial remuneration for her service a Board Member for Arts Midwest she will not partake in any Professional Services Agreement discussions nor negotiations with Arts Midwest.
- 4) Ms. Michaelson will delegate the Contract Signature Authority Delegation for any Professional Services Agreements with Arts Midwest to the IAC's Deputy Director.

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#### AFFIRMATION

Your signature below affirms that your disclosures on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. In addition to this form, you have attached a copy of your written disclosure to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer.

Signature of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Date signed (month, day, year)

03/18/2025

Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Miah Frazer Michaelson

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Your signature below affirms that you have reviewed this disclosure form and that it is true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. You also attest that your agency has implemented the screen described above.

Signature of ethics officer

Date signed (month, day, year)

03/18/2025

Printed full name of ethics officer

Kevin André Zhang Sonera